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1. On 3 February 1951, a sergeant and six EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen between the komendatura in Gerstungen (L 51/E 66) and a garden house north of it. The soldiers were armed with submachineguns with drum magazines. A telephone line connected the komendatura and the garden house. \*
2. Since 3 February, a border guard detail of one NCO and eight EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with submachine guns with drum magazines has been stationed on the Dippach (L 51/E 66)-Leimbach (L 51/E 65) highway. Two sentries were posted about 100 meters from the last houses of Dippach.
3. The leader of the German Grenzpolizei Kommando in Abterode was VP Kommissar Erdmann, (fnu). There were 18 police detached daily to Grossensee from the Grenzpolizei Kommando in Berka, for border control duty. Sentries who were relieved every eight hours patrolled the border area. \*\*

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- \* Comment. On 21 January 1951 increased border control activities were reported from Gerstungen and the Autobahn north-west of the town.
- \*\* Comment. The VP Grenzpolizei Kommandos are known from a previous report

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